

and practice of the English language—of that language which will afford the only means of their livelihood, and which is, moreover, the dominant language of the Colony in which they live and in which most of them were born. Our argument becomes all the clearer when one takes into consideration the fact that the Portuguese teachers of St. Joseph's College may be—and we may candidly say we know of none thus qualified—all the grammatical learning which a young man gets at school, is of little or no avail when he daily plunges into that domestic linguistic embroglio—the *Macao patois*—which reigns supreme at home. By substituting a grammatical language for an ungrammatical one, namely, by making English the home as well as the school language of the young pseudo-Portuguese population of the Colony, great progress may be achieved in the mental improvement of the rising generation.

With regard to His Excellency's allusion to the system which has been adopted in British India and elsewhere, of teaching the natives their own language first, and then the English, we think the comparison is a little far-fetched, and is moreover of an unpractical nature. The Indians are Indians, have a well defined language of their own, by no means a *patois*—and are an immense people, inhabitants of an immense country. Our precious Lusitanians are no Lusitanians at all; they have not the slightest interest in attempting to be so, especially when they see what a sink of a colony their forefathers have made of Macao. They never speak it; they have everything to gain by unlearning their *patois* and acquiring the English language; and last, but not least, the majority of them having been born here, are British subjects, and ought to make themselves acquainted with the language of their country as their first and their most serious duty.

TOBACCO PLANTING IN DELI AND NORTH BORNEO.

From reports received recently from Binger and Herschel, tobacco brokers of Amsterdam, it appears that the value of the Sumatra crops were:

For 1885	16,000
" 1886	15,500
" 1887	10,720,000
" 1888	10,600,000

The 1887 crop consisted of 144,401 bales and averaged 121 Dutch cents per half kilo. The tobacco from British North Borneo (1887 crop) averaged 126½ Dutch cents per half kilo and had the latter reached the market in a satisfactory condition it would have realized much more.

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

Contrary to expectations, the river at Tientsin has as yet frozen only partially, and floating ice-blocks have given junks a good deal of trouble and anxiety. At Ningpo, the weather has also been very mild for the sea, but now snow is expected.

At Peking on 2nd December outside the T'ien Men at a certain charitable institution for distributing rice-gruel called the P'u Shan T'ang, a benevolent individual gave relief to 3,400 poor people, giving each a wadded winter suit, and to each grown person 1,000 cash, and to each child 500 cash.

The *Shen Pao* warns its readers against a custom which has sprung up among oil-dealers of adulterating with cotton-seed oil, which costs half of what bean-oil does, the bean-oil which they supply to their customers with for culinary purposes. This is much more injurious to health than the ground-nut and hemp-seed oil with which they formerly mixed their bean-oil.

At Nam and Sin Tek in North Formosa, the aboriginal natives still continue to give some trouble. The Governor of the Island has ordered General Chen Yun-hiang and Cheng Tze-tao to subdue the rising before the end of this year. At Pilam and Changhua the fighting is over, but in the latter city defiant proclamations are still appearing, threatening revolt if the Government persist in taxing land at the present rate.

On the 14th instant the U.S. Consul, with the American Admiral, and officers, and several tens of riflemen, proceeded to the Taotai's Yamen. After a short interview, the Admiral invited the Taotai to hold a review of the men. This was done on a vacant space in the Yamen, and the Taotai expressed himself much pleased at the precision with which the various movements were executed. The review was followed by tea, and the guests returned to the Settlement.

The preparations for the Imperial wedding go on uninterruptedly at Peking. Thirty officials of the Han-lin Academy are copying out hanging-rolls of auspicious and poetical inscriptions, to be hung in pairs; and 20 operatives of the paste-pot come every morning, each with his paste-pot in his belt, to the palace to decorate the walls. The Court painters are also hard at work at the *mu-shui*, or door-panels, for which paper, paints, etc., have been issued to them, by order of the Board of Revenue, from the Colour Department.

The distress among the poor in China is very great this winter. The Shanghai District Magistrate yesterday afternoon assembled the principal native gentry of the City and environs, and informed them that in consequence of the droughts in Kiangsu and Chékiang, and the floods of the Yellow River, great numbers of people required relief, and he had therefore been instructed to call upon them to do all in their power, in the name of humanity, to collect subscriptions to supplement the Government grants, which were quite insufficient. The appeal was received with general acclamation.

About Yangchow, Kiangsu province, the officials are trying to stop the unseemly practice of keeping the bodies of the dead for a long time in their houses before they bury them. The Kiangtzu *Hien's* proclamation, directed against this abuse, opens with the remark that the followers of Confucius, or men of the scholastic cult, pay no attention to the statements of geomancers or *feng-shui* men, which are false and without foundation. It orders that all coffins be buried before the "Smaller Cold" term (January 6th-21st), or at least temporarily deposited in a but out of doors; and points out the danger to the corpses from *fung* if kept in the houses!

Li Han-chang, elder brother of the Viceroy Li Hung-chang, after a long audience with the Emperor, left Tientsin on the 14th December to take up his post as Director of Grain Transport. This functionary, who ranks with the Governor of a Province, has the conveyance of the rice from the southern provinces to Peking under his control. After an interview with T'ung Kwong-chian, Viceroy of the Two Kiang Provinces, at Nanjing, he will proceed Southwards by sedan-chair. The Viceroy turned out in great state to see his elder brother off on the occasion of his leaving Tientsin, and the foreign-

drilled troops formed a guard of honour. We hope that, like Sze-ma Kwang 800 years ago, he may merit the title of *wan-kun shan-fu*, the living Buddha of 10,000 homes!

A traveller from the wilds of Kwangsi has told us the following weird story.—A native's wife was taken very ill, and before she died told her husband, (with whom she had lived on the best terms, bearing him one son) "I have a secret to confide to you, which I never told before for your sake and for the child's. When I die, do not nail up my coffin, but leave it for a time out on the mountain. Have two live fowls ready in the house, for after I have been dead a hundred days, I will return to the realm of living men for a time, and come back to my home. Fear not, but if I make towards the child, offer me the two fowls, and say that you yourself will tend the infant, and that I need not be anxious; that between the dead and the living a gulf is fixed, and I should never take the fowls, strangle them and begone; never to return. My body will not lie down again in its coffin, but will be transformed into a living tiger, and if hereafter you come out to the place, and see the clothing lying by the coffin, you will know that my words have come true." Holding her husband's hand, she expired. The ghost appeared at due date, did as the living wife had foretold, and disappeared in the jungle; and when the man visited the coffin some days after, he found the cast-off grave-clothes, and went when he thought of their former happy life together, and his strange and happy life in the jungle, he saw a tigress stalk from the jungle, and knew it was his wife transformed into a new and majestic being. Gently he stroked its striped back, and with a melancholy roar it bounded away. No deed of blood was ever known to be wrought by this gentlest of tigresses on the mountain, and the child has grown up and prospers. Truly, observes the *Hu Pao*, a strange story.

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY

will perform

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S OPERETTA

"IOLAN THE,"

THIS EVENING,

the 22nd December.

Doors open at 8.30. Performance to begin at 9.0 CLOCK P.M.

Tickets for the Second Performance may be obtained from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, on and after THURSDAY, the 13th instant. PRICE—3s EACH.

R. LYALL, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1888. [1240]

THEATRE ROYAL CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THE AMERICAN MUSICAL COMEDY AND OPERA COMPANY.

DIRECTORS..... [Mr. F. W. WILLARD, Mr. J. H. SHERIDAN.]

MONDAY,

the 24th December, 1888.

COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT

TO

Mr. J. A. ROBERTSON,

(Musical Director).

GREAT SCOTTISH FESTIVAL,

Under the Auspices of the

Hon. P. RYRIE

and the

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

A night at home—a night with Burns, Reunion of Scotchmen, Reception to the 91st Highlanders, when will be produced

"THE BONNIE FISHERIE,"

Characters by the Company.

In which will be sung

A Man's Man for a' that Mr. A. SUTCH.

Callie Herrin.....Miss G. WHITEFORD.

Auld Robin Gray.....do.

Jessie, the Flower of Dun-

blane.....Mr. CH. FISHER.

Maggie Lauder.....Mr. J. F. SHERIDAN.

DOUBLE HIGHLAND FLING

Mr. SHERIDAN and Miss WHITEFORD.

Mrs. FRASER-SMITH and Miss STOPANI

have kindly consented to give their assistance, and will sing

Duet—"O walt thou in the cauld blast" (Mendelssohn)

"Robin Adair" (Mrs. FRASER-SMITH), and

"The year that's awa" (Miss STOPANI)

Mr. R. FRASER-SMITH

has kindly consented to recite

"Charles Edward at Versailles" (AYTOUM.

loden.

Sword Dance.....Miss NELLIE ARLINE.

Pipers.....Messrs. ADAM HOGG, WILLIAM DUNCAN & J. MCINNES.

During the Evening the following Songs will be sung:—

"My love is like a red, red rose".....Mr. A. SUTCH.

"Coro Riga".....SHERIDAN.

"Kate D'ymple".....do.

Quartette—"O hush thee my babe".....do.

THREE LITTLE BRIDESMAIDS,

(By Special Desire).

Triplet and Dance, com-

posed by.....Mr. J. A. ROBERTSON.

Charlie is my darling.....Miss E. LEAMINGTON.

Flora MacDonald's

Lament.....Miss FLO. MORRISON.

There's no luck about

the house.....Miss VERA PATEY.

Gae bring to me a pint of

wine.....H. M. IMANO.

Bonnie Dundee.....do.

Scotch Lassie Jean.....CH. FISHER.

Macgregor's Gathering.....W. CRIPPE.

Mary of Argyll.....do.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:—

Dress Circle and Special Stalls.....\$3.00

Stalls.....2.00

Pit.....1.00

The Place may be seen and Seats secured at

Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

PEMBERTON W. WILLARD.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1888. [1304]

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"PEKING,"

Captain G. Heuermann, will be despatched for the above Port, on MONDAY, the 24th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1888. [1318]

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

(PASSING THROUGH THE INLAND SEA.)

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"VERONA,"

will leave for the above places on SUNDAY, the 6th January, 1889, at DAVLIGHT.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1888. [13]

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON;

ALSO, BOMBAY, CALCUTTA AND AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH

BILLS OF LADING FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM

NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship

"PESHAWUR," Captain L. H. Moule, with Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for LONDON, VIA BOMBAY AND SUEZ CANAL, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd January, at NOON.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 4 P.M., on the day before sailing.

Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay with- out transhipment, arriving one week later than by the ordinary direct route via Colombo.

For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, 22nd December, 1888. [1318]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND NAGASAKI.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE Company's Steamship

"GENERAL WERDER,"

Captain W. von Schuckmann, will leave for the above Ports, on or about the 25th instant.

For further particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1888. [14]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;

ALSO, LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

ON SUNDAY, the 20th day of January, 1889, at 10 A.M., the Company's Steamship "BAYERN," Captain Mergell, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE AND CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at till noon.

Shipping Orders will be granted until 4 P.M. Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. Specie and Parcels until 1 P.M., on the 19th of January, 1889. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the AGENCY'S Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewards.

For further particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1888. [14]

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE A. I. British Bark

"JOHN NICHOLSON,"

W. Quine, Master, will load here for the above Ports, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1888. [1319]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 24th instant, at Noon, at No. 27, Gage Street, Hajee Ally Ager and Hajee Essam's

Godown.

11 CASES PERSIAN OPIUM

Ex Steamship *Cyde* and *Stura*.

(More or less damaged by sea water).

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

H. M. MODY, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1888. [1320]

To-day's Advertisements.

G. CHIARINI'S ROYAL ITALIAN CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE.

AT BOWRINGTON.



OPEN EVERY NIGHT,

At 8, commencing at 9 sharp.

SATURDAYS 2 PERFORMANCES.

Doors open at 3, and commences at 3.30 P.M.

TO-NIGHT,

22nd December, 1888.

ANOTHER BRILLIANT CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.

NEW EQUESTRIAN SCENES.

NEW SENSATIONAL ACTS.

NEW HORSES EDUCATED IN BOTH SCHOOLS.

NEW COMIC AND LAUGHABLE SCENES.

&c., &c., &c.

Signor CHIARINI will ride "la haute Ecole" his famous and highly Educated Sydney Horse "May Fly," demonstrating movements and evolutions of the hippic School never seen before in Hongkong.

The terrific and imposing scene of the ROYAL BENGAL TIGERS, and the tamer, Mr. J. FRANK, in the telescopic cage arm-in-arm with the brutes, having a pupil Tiger among the lot.

GRAND REDUCTION OF PRICES!!!

Boxes with 6 Chairs.....\$9.00

Single Chairs in Boxes.....1.50

Dress Circle Chairs.....1.00

Carpet Seats.....0.50

Gallery.....0.30

Children and Soldiers in uniform in the Gallery 20 Cents. To all other parts of the house Half Price.

L. MAYA, Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1888. [1285]

Masonic.

EOTHEN MARK LODGE

OF HONGKONG, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above

LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1888. [1312]

ZETLAND LODGE,

No. 325.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above

LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on THURSDAY NEXT, the 27th December, at 8 for 8.30 P.M. precisely.

Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Commercial.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—159 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$90 per share, sellers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$75 per share, buyers.
 North China Insurance—Tls. 290 per share, buyers.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$97 per share, buyers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 97 per share, buyers.
 Chinese Insurance Company—\$165 per share, buyers.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150, per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$340 per share, buyers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$78 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 40 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$222 per share, buyers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—160 per share, sales and sellers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$155 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$170 per share, nominal.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—17 per cent. dis., sellers.
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$55 per share, buyers.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$193 per share, sellers.
 Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$90 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$102 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share.
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$121 per share, sellers.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—100 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—21 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$81 per share, sellers.
 Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$5 per share, nominal.
 Funjong and Sunghie Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$81 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—76 per cent. premium, sales and buyers.
 Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—105 per cent. premium, buyers.
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—275 per cent. premium, nominal.
 The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$63 per share, buyers.
 The Sengoi Koyah Planting Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share, sellers.
 Cruickshank & Co., Ltd.—\$45 per share, sellers.
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—20 per cent. dis., sellers.
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—40 per cent. dis., nominal.
 The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—\$55 per share premium, sellers.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T.

Bank Bills, on demand 3/0
 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/0
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/1
 Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/1
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/1
 ON PARIS.—
 Bank Bills, on demand 3/6
 Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/4
 ON INDIA, T. T. 223
 On Demand 223
 ON SHANGHAI.—
 Bank, T. T. 7/1
 Private, 30 days' sight 7/2

OPIUM-MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA, per picul \$560
 (Allowance, Tals 60).
 OLD MALWA, per picul \$550
 (Allowance, Tals 88).
 NEW PATNA, (without choice) per chest \$567
 NEW PATNA, (with choice) per chest \$570
 NEW PATNA, (bottom) per chest \$578
 NEW PATNA, (second choice) per chest \$585
 NEW BINAIS, (without choice) per chest \$560
 NEW BINAIS, (bottom) per chest \$560
 NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul \$540
 OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul \$500
 OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul \$475

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Sutlej*, with the next English mail, left Singapore at 9 p.m. on the 19th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 26th.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Norddeutscher Lloyd steamer *Bayern*, carrying the German mails, with dates from Berlin of the 27th ultimo, left Singapore on the 21st instant, at 11 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 26th.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Oceanic*, with the American mail of the 28th ultimo, left Yokohama for this port on the 21st instant, and may be expected here on or about the 27th.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The Canadian Pacific steamer *Albany*, with the Canadian mail, left Vancouver for Japan and Hongkong on the 4th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The steamer *Strathleven*, left Kobe on the 18th instant, and is expected here on the 23rd.
 The *Glen* line steamer *Glenearn*, from London, left Singapore on the 18th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 24th.
 The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Diomed*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 18th inst., and is due here on the 25th.
 The *Ben* line steamer *Bengloe*, left Singapore on the 19th instant, and is expected here on the 26th.
 The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Tilmouth*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 20th instant, and is due here on the 27th.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.
 CINCINNATI, British steamer, 1,660, A. George, 21st Dec.—Samarang 9th Dec., Sugar and Oil—Chinese.
 MARIE, German steamer, 704, Hundewaldt, 21st Dec.—Haiphong 19th Dec., Rice.—A. R. Marty.
 TURKEY, French ironclad, Captain Juge, 21st Dec.—Kobe 15th Dec.
 CLARA, German steamer, 674, Christensen, 21st Dec.—Haiphong 17th Dec., Rice.—Slemmen & Co.

FOREIGN, British steamer, 509, J. Lewis, 22nd Dec.—Tamsui 18th Dec., Amoy 19th, and Swatow 21st, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.
 TRIUMPH, German steamer, 677, P. Moos, 22nd Dec.—Haiphong 19th Dec., and Hoihow 21st, General.—Wielers & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Antonia, British steamer, for Kobe.
Taihow, British steamer, for Swatow.
Peking, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Wakfield, American bark, for New York.
Anchises, British steamer, for Singapore.
Nerbudda, British steamer, for Amoy.
Kwongkong, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Polyhymnia, German steamer, for Yokohama.
Duburg, German steamer, for Saigon.
Mongkut, British steamer, for Bangkok.

DEPARTURES.

December 22, *Ancona*, British steamer, for Nankai, &c.
 December 22, *Frisz*, Danish steamer, for Haiphong.
 December 22, *Soochow*, British steamer, for Hoihow.
 December 22, *Oxus*, French steamer, for Shanghai, &c.
 December 22, *Johannes Brun*, Norwegian str., for Haiphong.
 December 22, *Taihow*, British steamer, for Swatow.
 December 22, *Agamemnon*, British steamer, for Singapore.
 December 22, *Polyhymnia*, German steamer, for Yokohama.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Marie*, str., from Haiphong—44 Chinese.
 Per *Clara*, str., from Haiphong—1 European and 41 Chinese.
 Per *Fokien*, str., from Tamsui, &c.—Messrs. F. S. A. Bourne, Fung Teah Ching, Wong Wai Yuen, and 65 Chinese (deck).
 Per *Triumph*, str., from Haiphong, &c.—17 Chinese.
 DEPARTED.
 Per *Italian*, str., for Swatow.—Mrs. Matchitt and Mr. Leslie.
 Per *Amoy*—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Spinney.
 Per *Foochow*—Mr. James Williams and 1 Chinese.
 Per *Taihow*, str., for Swatow—100 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per *Hailong*, str., for Swatow—3 Europeans and 50 Chinese.
 Per *Peking*, str., for Shanghai—29 Chinese.
 Per *Wakfield*, bark, for New York—2 Europeans and 213 Chinese.
 Per *Anchises*, str., for Singapore—2 Europeans and 213 Chinese.
 Per *Duburg*, str., for Saigon—20 Chinese.
 Per *Mongkut*, str., for Bangkok—10 Chinese.
 Per *Nerbudda*, str., for Amoy—20 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The French ironclad *Turquoise* reports that she left Kobe on the 15th instant. Had strong north-east breeze. On the 20th rainy weather.
 The British steamship *Cleora* reports that she left Samarang on the 9th instant. From Samarang to Natuna Island had light winds and much rain; thence to port had strong monsoons, and heavy squalls with strong south-west currents throughout.

The British steamship *Fokien* reports that she left Tamsui on the 18th instant. Amoy on the 19th, and Swatow on the 21st. From Tamsui to Amoy had strong north-east winds and rainy weather. From Amoy to Swatow had moderate north-east winds and squally heavy rain throughout. From Swatow to Hongkong had light variable winds and fine clear weather. In Tamsui, the steamships *Pechili*, *Amoy*, and a Chinese gunboat. In Swatow, the steamships *Sang-kang*, *Wenchow*, *Fooksang*, and *Fuyew*.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE
 For Shanghai.—Per *Peking*, on Monday, the 24th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
 For Haiphong.—Per *Amoy*, on Monday, the 24th instant, at 4.30 P.M.
 For Kobe.—Per *Antonia*, on Monday, the 25th instant, at 5.00 P.M.
 For Europe, &c., Australia, Madras, Calcutta, and Mauritius.—Per *Irakoudy*, on Wednesday, the 26th instant, at 11.00 A.M.
 For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Sturp*, on Saturday the 29th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
 For Yokohama and San Francisco.—Per *City of Sydney*, on Saturday, the 29th instant, at 9.30 P.M.
 For Europe, &c.—Per *Peshawur*, on Wednesday, the 2nd January, at 11.00 A.M.
 For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama.—Per *Verona*, on Saturday, the 5th January, at 5.00 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

ABYSSINIA, British steamer, 3,500, Geo. A. Lee, 12th Dec.—Vancouver 13th Nov., and Nagasaki 8th Dec., General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.
 ANCHISES, British steamer, 1,304, W. P. Lapsley, 21st Dec.—Shanghai 16th Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.
 ANTONIO, British steamer, 1,214, J. Wallace, 17th Dec.—Kobe 10th Dec., General.—Russell & Co.
 CARISBROOK, British steamer, 973, R. Cass, 18th Dec.—Saigon 12th Dec., General.—Morris and Ray.
 CHINOTU, British steamer, 1,500, Hunt, 3rd Dec.—Sydney via Tilidjap, 23rd October, Sugar.—Butterfield & Swire.
 CITY OF SYDNEY, American steamer, 3,016, D. E. Friele, 16th Dec.—San Francisco 17th Nov., and Yokohama 12th Dec., Mails and General.—P. M. S. Co.
 DUBURG, German steamer, 922, C. T. Bertelsen, 1th Dec.—Samarang 3rd Dec., Sugar.—Melchers & Co.
 ESMERALDA, British str., 130, H. T. Williams, 20th Dec.—Marianas 8th Dec., General.—Order.
 FAME, British steamer, 1,174, A. Stopani—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.
 GENERAL WYDER, German steamer, 1,820, W. von Schuckmann, 21st Dec.—Yokohama 12th Dec., Kobe 15th, and Nagasaki 17th, General.—Melchers & Co.
 HAILONG, British steamer, 983, J. S. Roach, 15th Dec.—Tamsui 12th Dec., Amoy 15th, and Swatow 14th, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.
 KWONGKONG, British steamer, 989, Sellar, 21st Dec.—Whampoa 21st December, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 METAPEDIA, British steamer, 1,454, J. B. Purvis, 16th Dec.—Nagasaki 12th Dec., Coal.—Takasima Colliery Co.
 MONKUT, British steamer, 860, Geo. Anderson, 21st Dec.—Bangkok 12th Dec., Rice and General.—Yuen Fat Hong.
 NERBUDDA, British steamer, 1,048, T. E. Gillett, 16th Dec.—Batavia 11th Dec., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 PRUDUCO, French steamer, 183, Robin, 17th Dec.—Tientsin 11th December, Coal.—Wing Tat.
 PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

HONGKONG—STEAMERS.

Continued.
 PRUSSIAN, German steamer, 2,879, C. Pohle, 21st Dec.—Shanghai 19th Dec., Mails and General.—Melchers & Co.
 STURTA, Italian steamer, 1,416, L. Cabozza, 13th Dec.—Singapore 5th Dec., General.—Carlowitz & Co.
 TRIUMPH, German steamer, 674, Puttoun, 11th Dec.—Haiphong 9th Dec., General.—Wielers & Co.
 YAHSHIN, Chinese steamer, 714, Buchanan, 18th Dec.—Shanghai 15th Dec., Kerosine Oil.—C. M. S. N. Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

ALTAR, British bark, 395, T. Menno, 1st Dec.—Newchwang via Amoy 18th Nov., Beans and Melon Seed.—Order.
 ARCADE, British bark, 417, D. S. Eward, 25th Nov.—Whampoa 24th Nov., General.—Wielers & Co.
 AUGUSTA, German bark, 473, Jensen, 5th Dec.—Hoihow 18th Nov., Sanpanwood.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
 BYLOIA, German bark, 333, P. Welas, 16th Dec.—Amoy 14th Dec., General.—Wielers & Co.
 DANIEL BARNES, American ship, 1,436, J. G. Stover, 17th Dec.—Honolulu 12th Nov., Ballast.—Order.
 EARN, British bark, 311, Anderson, 17th Dec.—Amoy 15th December, General.—Chinese.
 ELKORING, Chinese bark, 457, Oplum Examination hulk, Stonecutters' Island—Chinese Customs.
 JOHN NICHOLSON, British steamer, 685, W. Quine, 18th Dec.—Honolulu 16th Nov., Ballast.—Captain.
 MEXCUR, British brigantine, 249, Dick, 12th Dec.—Amoy 11th Dec., General.—Order.
 RAPHAEL, American ship, 1,465, E. W. Harkness, 20th Oct.—Nagasaki 28th Oct., Coal.—Order.
 TARAFACA, British bark, 492, H. Kennett, 6th Dec.—Sandakan 24th October, Timber.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
 VELOCITY, British bark, 491, R. Martin, 14th Nov.—Honolulu 3rd October, Old Iron.—Chinese.
 WAKFIELD, American bark, 342, W. S. Crowell, 12th Nov.—Amoy 10th Nov., Ballast.—Slemmen & Co.

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STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Strathleven	Kobe	December 23rd	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Glenearn	London	December 24th	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Sutlej	London	December 25th	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Diomed	Liverpool	December 25th	Butterfield & Swire.
Bengloe	Singapore	December 25th	Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Bayern	Bremen	December 26th	Melchers & Co.
Telemachus	Liverpool	December 27th	Butterfield & Swire.
Oceanic	San Francisco	December 28th	O. & O. S. S. Co.
Albany	Vancouver	January 1st	Adamson, Bell & Co.

STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
London, &c., via Suez Canal	Peshawur	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 2nd, at noon.
London, via Suez Canal	Sarpedon	Butterfield & Swire.	December 30th.
London, via Suez Canal	Oopack	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	January 2nd.
London, via Suez Canal	Glenarney	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Jan. 2nd, at noon.
Marseilles, via Saigon, &c.	Irakoudy	Messageries Maritimes.	Dec. 26th, at noon.
Bremen, & Ports of Call.	Preussen	A. R. Marty	About Dec. 28th.
Genoa, via Bombay, &c.	Stura	Melchers & Co.	To-morrow at 10 a.m.
New York	Lennox	Carlowitz & Co.	About Dec. 26th.
San Francisco, via Yama	City of Sydney	Adamson, Bell & Co.	About Dec. 26th.
Vancouver, B.C., via K.	Oceanic	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Dec. 29th, at 1 p.m.
Port Darwin, &c.	Abyssinia	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Jan. 8th, at 1 p.m.
Sandakan, Kudat, &c.	Chingtu	Butterfield & Swire.	Jan. 10th, at 3 p.m.
Yokohama, via Nankai, &c.	Memnon	Butterfield & Swire.	Dec. 30th, daylight.
Kobe and Yokohama	Verona	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 1st, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, via Amoy	Bengloe	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Jan. 6th, daylight.
Shanghai	Antonia	Butterfield & Swire.	About Dec. 26th.
Shanghai	Diomed	Butterfield & Swire.	About Dec. 25th.
Shanghai	Telemachus	Butterfield & Swire.	December 27th.
Coast Ports	Peking	Slemmen & Co.	Dec. 24th, at 4 p.m.
	Sutlej	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
	Hailong	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-morrow, daylight.

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